

08-419 Office of State Police

Agency Description

The mission of the Office of State Police is to ensure the safety and security of the people in the state through enforcement, education, and provision of other essential public safety services.

The goals of the Office of the State Police are:

1. Promote public safety on the roads and highways and in our communities.
2. Achieve greater public participation in promoting and achieving public safety.
3. Strive to adequately staff, equip and fund its operation to achieve an effective public safety organization..
4. Expand communications with the public, other law enforcement agencies, the legislature and other governments.
5. Improve and strengthen the effectiveness of the management through planning, forecasting, training, coordinating and being accountable.
6. Set the standard against which other law enforcement agencies will be judged.

The Office of State Police is a statutorily mandated, statewide law enforcement agency originally instituted to enforce the laws of Louisiana relating to motor vehicles and their operation on the streets and highways of the state. However, over the years, this responsibility has been expanded to include all criminal activities occurring within the state, with emphasis on driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests, speeding arrests, narcotics and organized crime. This agency also includes the statewide collection and coordination of criminal records, evidence, intelligence and, in general, it acts as the state's main crime-fighting arm. More recent acts have included regulatory authority in the areas of hazardous materials regulation, motor carrier safety, the towing industry, and gaming activities connected to video draw poker, riverboat gambling, land-based casino gaming, and Indian gaming.

The Office of State Police has four programs: Traffic Enforcement, Criminal Investigation, Operational Support and Gaming Enforcement.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

| | ACTUAL 2001-2002 | ACT 13 2002-2003 | EXISTING 2002-2003 | CONTINUATION 2003-2004 | RECOMMENDED 2003-2004 | RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| MEANS OF FINANCING: | | | | | | |
| STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct) | \$6,405,629 | \$2,735,912 | \$2,735,912 | \$5,890,033 | \$0 | (\$2,735,912) |
| STATE GENERAL FUND BY: | | | | | | |
| Interagency Transfers | 2,831,144 | 6,161,619 | 6,402,141 | 6,815,852 | 7,148,171 | 746,030 |
| Fees & Self-gen. Revenues | 18,284,060 | 21,421,229 | 24,381,119 | 26,665,474 | 27,470,862 | 3,089,743 |
| Statutory Dedications | 97,933,682 | 117,059,745 | 118,385,193 | 117,006,790 | 119,219,109 | 833,916 |
| Interim Emergency Board | 26,864 | 0 | 40,469 | 0 | 0 | (40,469) |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | 2,973,169 | 5,438,621 | 13,818,621 | 4,068,621 | 4,068,621 | (9,750,000) |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING | \$128,454,548 | \$152,817,126 | \$165,763,455 | \$160,446,770 | \$157,906,763 | (\$7,856,692) |
| EXPENDITURES & REQUEST: | | | | | | |
| Traffic Enforcement Program | \$54,213,239 | \$64,931,624 | \$67,944,122 | \$69,948,459 | \$64,166,175 | (\$3,777,947) |
| Criminal Investigations | 10,901,764 | 14,177,908 | 14,953,062 | 15,102,397 | 14,325,695 | (627,367) |
| Operational Support Program | 43,384,826 | 49,810,654 | 58,910,063 | 50,710,399 | 55,225,284 | (3,684,779) |
| Gaming Enforcement Program | 16,375,801 | 19,866,625 | 19,925,893 | 20,655,200 | 20,159,294 | 233,401 |
| Auxiliary Account | 3,578,918 | 4,030,315 | 4,030,315 | 4,030,315 | 4,030,315 | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST | \$128,454,548 | \$152,817,126 | \$165,763,455 | \$160,446,770 | \$157,906,763 | (\$7,856,692) |
| AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME | | | | | | |
| EQUIVALENTS: Classified | 1,629 | 1,651 | 1,651 | 1,651 | 1,651 | 0 |
| Unclassified | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,641 | 1,663 | 1,663 | 1,663 | 1,663 | 0 |